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Organized and Unorganized  
Majorities.

An election of any kind, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, is for the purpose of deciding something, of settling some question. The "city election" held in Bloomfield last Tuesday was a remarkable instance and a very successful one of an election for the purpose, not of settling or deciding anything, but to unsettle matters that had been settled; to make a more muddled state of affairs than already exists in Bloomfield, and to involve Glen Ridge as far as possible in the same tangle.

In the latter locality a previous election had fairly settled the question of incorporation for that district. It was settled in the true American way, by a majority of votes. The majority, satisfied with the result, have for some months been peacefully working to build up their municipality, without attempting to interfere with or embarrass or undermine the adjoining municipalities. That has been the policy of Glen Ridge. Her people have not reviled when they have been reviled. They endeavored to settle and adjust minor differences but were treated with contempt. They have not turned the smitten cheek by insisting upon having friendly relations with would-be enemies, but, though hit by a Bloomfield majority of 1007 last Tuesday are still trading with Bloomfield, as though nothing hostile had been done.

In Bloomfield an opposite course has been taken. The Township Committee by bad legal advice and the support of citizens whose purses run away with their brains, before and since the Glen Ridge election, have been irritatingly engaged upon the foolish work of fighting Glen Ridge, meanwhile weakening themselves and especially the government of Bloomfield, postponing if not blighting her prosperity and prospects.

And up to date what have the manipulators of Bloomfield's affairs accomplished? What are the gains and the losses?

They have not weakened nor injured Glen Ridge in any way. The borough still exists. It has gained in stability with every attack that has been made upon it. On the other hand, Bloomfield's interests of every nature are being sacrificed, her territory to be still further curtailed by cutting off Brookdale, her government going from bad to worse in the necessity of providing for the "lame and the lazy" who keep the machine in running order, and do the shouting for the bosses in the anti-borough fight. By the "city election" Bloomfield's municipal affairs are thrown more than ever into doubt, perplexity and confusion. Her blind leaders, in their political attempt to punish and humiliate Glen Ridge are simply punishing themselves and inflicting in jury upon the town.

One of those leaders, Dr. Richards, in an interview with an Advertiser reporter, has used the word "pro-boroughite," referring to Bloomfield opponents of the Glen Ridge fight. It is a better word than "traitor." The late election demonstrated that traitors, or pro-boroughites, or whatever they may be called, made quite a respectable showing as an unorganized party. It already outnumbered the anti-borough party in Glen Ridge, who, well-organized by E. A. Smith as chief-kicker, got out 102 "city" votes. The unorganized vote of Bloomfield to let Glen Ridge alone registered about the same number. The hundreds of voters who could not be coerced or driven to vote for the city, but remained away from the polls constitute the nucleus of what will become an effective majority as a Bloomfield party, united and organized for the purpose of letting Glen Ridge go and confining itself to building up Bloomfield, giving it a good name and a clean and competent administration.

The Bloomfield issue to-day is: Shall it be a live town or a dead town? The Glen Ridge question is a dead issue. Let it alone, give Bloomfield a chance to recuperate. Let us have peace.

Report of the Vital Statistics for the  
Month of July.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Scarlet fever,	8	
Rubella,	1	
Other causes,		8
Total,	9	8

Wm. L. Jounack, Registrar.

## LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS

## A Liberal Policy Wanted.

Should the Sprague elevator works at Watessing be fined for locating in the township, or should "a more liberal policy" prevail, is one of the new problems that confronts Bloomfield. Shall Watessing have adequate police protection, is another. We hope the Glen Ridge experience will not be repeated in the formation of any more borough governments.

The question of private sewerage on the Farrand farm, now being improved, has come before the Township Committee and is to be the special order of business next Monday night. There is opportunity here also for "a liberal policy" to be manifested.

The improvements now being made both on the Bartholomew property and eastward on the Farrand tract, are in completeness ahead of anything ever attempted in the residential-line in Bloomfield. When finished, the map of the town will have been materially changed, and when built up these two semi-private parks will constitute attractions and provide quiet home conveniences and surroundings that have not been afforded before in this vicinity.

The town's authorities should encourage these improvements and not hinder or handicap them or their promoters by excessive taxation or otherwise.

If the man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before is a benefactor, the gentleman whose enterprise has led him to change the whole face of nature between Franklin Street and Berkeley Place is more than a friend of Bloomfield. The stagnant malodorous pond that has existed for generations as a feature of the landscape is to be exterminated, and in its place a lake of living water with beautiful surroundings will appear.

Private enterprise and public policy should clasp hands and co-operate in building up this neglected part of the town that has now come into prominence.

## In the Supreme Court.

Copies of the writ of certiorari issued by Judge Gunnere of the Supreme Court Circuit in the Bloomfield City election case were served upon each member of the Bloomfield Township Committee and upon Township Clerk Johnson on Monday. Had the writ not been obtained Bloomfield and Glen Ridge are this would have been incorporated as a city. The granting of the writ prevents the incorporation, the order by Judge Gunnere being in the following language:

"The allowance of this writ shall not stay the election ordered under the proceedings to be reviewed hereby and the canvassing and counting of the vote cast at such election, but shall stay all proceedings under and subsequent to such canvassing and counting."

Messrs. Riker & Riker, Counsel for Glen Ridge, have already taken steps for having the proceedings of Bloomfield specially reviewed. On Saturday last there was filed with Supreme Court Clerk B. F. Lee, at Trenton, the affidavit of Mayor Robert S. Ruld, which carries the case up to the Supreme Court for review, where it will probably be argued at an early date.

In the meantime Bloomfield still remains the township of Bloomfield, and Glen Ridge the Borough of Glen Ridge. Each will go on as separate municipalities until the Supreme Court has reviewed the case of the Bloomfield election, and the Court of Errors and Appeals has finally decided whether the election was legal or not, and whether the law under which it was held is constitutional or not.

The affidavit of Mayor Robert S. Ruld indicates clearly that the case will not be based upon any mere technicalities or mistakes made in the Bloomfield election proceedings, but upon the deliberately-planned wrong done the Glen Ridge government through the proceedings.

The affidavit alleges that on July, 23d it was officially brought to the notice of the borough government that proceedings had been instituted purporting to be under the act of March 23, 1895, known as the Bloomfield-Glen Ridge act. By resolution of the Borough Council of Glen Ridge proceedings were directed to be brought in the name of the Mayor and Council of that borough to review said proceedings wherein they affect the territory of Glen Ridge.

The Mayor swears that no application had been made to Glen Ridge by the chairman of the Township Committee of Bloomfield for joint meeting to determine the boundaries of the district proposed to be included in the said city of Bloomfield, as required by law. Mayor Ruld also says that the borough is by law entirely independent of the township of Bloomfield.

On July 19th there was presented to G. Lee Stout, the chairman of the Township Committee, a petition showing that at least fifty freeholders of the district proposed to incorporate as a city to be known as the city of Bloomfield, in accordance with the act of March 23d last. The territory described in the petition, the Mayor swears, "is not coincident with the lines of the township of Bloomfield, nor does said district lie wholly within the township of Bloomfield, as stated in said petition, but a considerable portion thereof consists of the territory within the borough of Glen Ridge; that the part of the borough of Glen Ridge excluded from said district consists of a very inconsiderable area and contains within its limits not more than five legal voters."

tion of the district described in said petition, including the territory within the borough of Glen Ridge as a city, to be known as the city of Bloomfield.

Continuing, Mayor Ruld says the law requires all interested to be present at a joint meeting to be called by the chairman of the Township Committee and that Mr. Stout has never notified the Glen Ridge Council. He concludes, therefore, that all the proceedings had before the Township Committee and Township of Bloomfield are illegal because the act of March 23d excludes from its operations all such territory, because it is unconstitutional and that it attempts to interfere with the internal affairs of municipalities it fails to provide adequate form of government and it is unconstitutional because special and local.

## Republican State Committee.

The Republican State Committee met in Newark on Monday afternoon and agreed to issue the call for the State Convention to nominate a candidate for Governor for Monday, Sept. 19th, at Taylor's Opera House at Trenton. It was decided that the basis of representation should be one delegate for every two hundred or fraction of that number in even two hundred in each ward or township. This will give the borough government a big standing in the convention, as most of them are divided into at least two wards and each will have at least as many representatives as there are wards. This is especially favorable to the upper part of the State where there are many boroughs. This was not known to the committeemen until after the meeting, when many of the members had gone home.

## The City Election.

The election on Tuesday for the incorporation of Bloomfield as a third class city resulted in the polling of a large vote, and securing of a big majority for incorporation. Outside of the faction opposed to the borough government, Glen Ridge took no interest in the election. There was no organized opposition to the city movement. The Committee made up to work in favor of it, used every inducement to get out the vote. Coaches were sent to factories and residences for all who could be persuaded to come to the polls, while many came without urging. The vote was counted and declared by the election board as follows:

	For incorporation.	Against.
1st Ward,	370	26
2d Ward,	233	17
3d Ward, 1st Dist.,	234	16
3d Ward, 2d Dist.,	188	19
Totals,	1,055	78

## In the Time of the Borough.

And the Borough was still in its first year. And the Bossy Cow continued to browse in the Borough lot and the Good and the Bad were still on the City Election Committee (called Committee out of respect to E. A. S., whom the Bad called A. S. S.).

And the great election day came—the 14th day of the 8th month of the First Year of the Borough; and all the Good hastened to vote—and they polled a goodly vote—nigh unto 4 of the whole vote of the old Township of Bloomfield. And but about 73 votes were against the City out of the half, for these 73 said, "We hate the Borough Cow and we do love our Township, but we have not been told what may be the rich blessings of the City—no meetings, no tables of expense, nothing but 'Arry says: 'It must be,' and Hully Gee says: 'Let it be'—and are we cattle to be driven and bought and sold?"

And the eleven hundred who did not vote said: "Where are we at?" And no answer came—but the Borough went on its way and was still a Borough.

And the Executive Committee said: "Let us meet and rejoice, for we have won—which is itself enough—for long we have been waiting for victory with us."

And the great question was where they should meet, for the Good and the Bad had not foregathered many times, and the places where they could meet were few. And the Good said: "Let us meet at the Fountain, for it is neither good nor bad but vile." But the Bad said: "No! let us meet by the East Orange Disposal Works, for it is seemly there to meet; for it is neither good nor bad nor wet nor dry, but like our civilization—unpleasant to all." So there they met:

Thomas the Trustee.

Edward the Juice Dispenser.

E. A. S. who revels not but reviles.

Peter the publican.

Joseph the Lawyer. And

John the Brassman.

And all the rest.

And the Bad wore their Halos straight and looked serious and solemn, and simulated the Good; and the Good wore their Halos askant and rakishly and tried their best to look "Bad." And then came "Hully Gee" with a wreath of hops upon the better side was the word "Mayor," upon which he gazed at times—and "Arry" came also with a coat made like Joseph's, for many-colored legal opinions, with which the common-folk had been bewildered in the past—but he brought not with him the checks wherewith said opinions had been obtained.

And they sat them down alternately, the Good and the Bad, and tried to feel at peace; but the mooing of the Borough Cow in the Borough lot disturbed them, and at each moo they rustled, even as they had hustled in the election; and each exposed the knife he had up his sleeve for the other. Finally the Mayor said: "Dis Stadt, was ist das?" (Whereupon) they all shuddered and shifted uneasily, for no one knew.

And Hully Gee's wrath fell and disclosed the word "Mayor," and "Arry's" fillet fell and disclosed the words "City Attorney," and Gilbert said: "I See More"—but Hully Gee said: "We are not through yet." Then the Borough Cow "mooed."

And no one knew whether it was the Disposal Works, or the unsavory Combination, or Doubt as to the issue, that made them unhappy. B. H.

The Burbeck Building and Loan Association of New York is about to loan a large sum of money said to be \$257,000 for the purpose of building houses at

## Glen Ridge Notes.

Rev. Frank J. Goodwin and Mrs. Goodwin have gone to the White Mountains.

A. E. Bremer and family are at Point Pleasant.

Thomas K. Benton and family have returned from the Catskill Mountains.

E. S. Mitchell and family have gone to Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barnum gave a barn dance on Monday night. About fifty couple were present.

Miss Marie Jones of Clark Street has gone to Long Beach, N. J., for a few weeks.

A Romeyn Pierson of Douglas Road leaves on Saturday for the Adirondacks with his family. He will leave them at Lake Placid while he goes on some twenty-five miles from civilization to the camp of the Hunting and Fishing Club, composed mostly of New York men and of which he is a member.

The Borough Council met on Monday night and the water and light committees were authorized to place street signs on all lamp posts in the borough at a cost not to exceed \$50.

Councilman Davis, of the police committee, reported that he had under consideration a plan for a suitable lookout and in the near future he would be able to report more intelligently on the subject.

Upon the recommendation of the police committee, John A. Brown was appointed a member of the police force, to succeed Thomas Cullen, dismissed.

The election held in Bloomfield last Tuesday demonstrated that if Glen Ridge should vote again upon the question of Borough incorporation, it would be carried by a much larger majority than in February last, when 142 voted against it. In the Bloomfield election Tuesday 102 citizens of Glen Ridge voted, all of them it is claimed, in favor of incorporation. The anti-borough faction is in a decline.

LIST OF LETTERS.  
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Brown, Mrs. Thos.      Clark, Miss Jennie.  
Ransom, Miss J.

Blair, Wm.      Monahan, Alice.  
Banks, Lizzie.      McAnany, James.  
Fraser, Henry.      Myer, Thos. P.  
Fredericks, Wm.      Mitchell, Madeline.  
Graham, Mary.      Ozeakie, Chas.  
Hator, Frederick.      Peterson, Augustus.  
Kynor, Ephraim A.      Ragland, Isaac.  
Larode, Arthur L.      Stryker, Henry.  
Mullen, Bridget.      Shuer, John.  
Murry, John.

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